

MINUTES OF THE 1999 NCSL ANNUAL MEETING HOST COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 14, 1998
10:30 A.M.
Room 125, State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Members Present: Representative Susan Crosby and Senator Joseph Harrison, Co-Chairpersons; Representative Sheila Klinker; Senators Glenn Howard and Patricia Miller; Lay Members Gary Biviano and Lisa Hays Murray.

Members Absent: Representatives Ayres and Richardson; Senator Young; Lay Members Ed Simcox and John Holmes.

Staff Present: Maribeth Smith and Associates staff Maribeth Smith and Ellen Rabinowitch; Legislative Services Agency staff Jeanette Adams, Mary Cummins, and Christi Megna.

Representative Crosby called the first meeting of 1998 to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. She called on Maribeth Smith to proceed with the agenda for this meeting.

The "Look". Mrs. Smith presented a proposed logo that has been approved by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Pearson, Crahan, Fletcher and England is the agency chosen to develop the logo and other design materials for the conference. The logo will be incorporated into all LOC subcommittee functions to create a conference-wide look. The "Look" committee will approve all signage for the conference. A motion to adopt the logo as presented was moved, seconded and adopted by voice vote.

Special Events. Maribeth Smith reported that the opening event will be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the closing event will be at the RCA Dome. The meetings are in the early stages and no definite plans have been made at this time.

Finance. The Finance Chairman is Kent Lebherz, president of Ameritech. George Fleetwood and Kevin Brinegar, Treasurer of the LOC, will be heading up the work group for that committee and will begin their preparations soon. A budget was presented by Mrs. Smith for consideration by the Host Committee. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) doesn't permit national fundraising until after the current year annual meeting but has no restrictions on in-state activities. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to begin fundraising preparations now and proceed with the thought in mind that the Midwestern Legislative Conference is still raising money for the 1998 Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting being held in

Indianapolis from August 2 to August 5, 1998. Representative Crosby, Senator Harrison and Maribeth Smith will meet with George Fleetwood to begin work.

A discussion covered tax status. It was felt by the Host Committee that they might not want to use NCSL as their agent and would explore obtaining a ruling from the IRS that will permit the Host Committee to accept tax-free contributions. A motion was moved, seconded and adopted to have staff pursue that avenue. Senator Harrison and Representative Crosby will contact Phil Sachtleben to get work started on that process. [Note: Since the meeting, Senator Harrison and Representative Crosby have agreed in principle to pursue using NCSL as the agent for the Host Committee. LSA staff will begin contract work.]

Las Vegas. The next item covered was the Las Vegas effort. Ellen Rabinowitch of Maribeth Smith and Associates detailed proposed plans for a booth in the Convention Center as well as a reception on Wednesday, July 22 to encourage attendance at next year's meeting in Indiana. The booth will be set up on Monday, July 20 and begin moving out on Thursday, July 23 in the early afternoon. Ms. Smith and two others will go to Las Vegas on May 4 and 5, 1998 to look for alternative sites for a reception that might be better than the exhibit hall and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Press Conference. Ellen Rabinowitch presented information related to the press conference to be held on Monday, April 27, 1998 in the Rotunda of the State House to promote the meeting. The time is 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Host Committee will be at the call of the Co- Chairpersons, probably in mid-May.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.